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Back Row: Tony, Richard, Robin, Lyn.
Middle: Paul and Rev. Keith Treacher.
Front: Doc, Ted and Roger.

.Y.P.L. EXPLORATION

The Arnoy Arctic Expedition
By Robin K. Thompson

Robin Thompson is a member of he Old Chapel, Dukinfield, 18 years d, and a journalist. He acted as otanist to the expedition.

At the beginning of September, ine members of the Unitarian oung People's League arrived at ewcastle aboard the s.s. Leda from orway. This was the end of a five eek adventure that had taken them the little-known island of Arnoy, 20 miles inside the Arctic Circle.

First let me introduce the team. ur leader, the Rev. Keith C. Treacher, is well-known in Unitarian circles as the minister of Golders Green and Highgate churches in London. He has written about mountaineering topics in *The Inquirer*.

An expedition to a foreign country would be incomplete without an interpreter, and so Keith asked Ted Hutton, a language master at West Bromwich Grammar School, to come along. Ted, a keen mountaineer,

jumped at the chance.

Paul Adams, a member of the Golders Green U.Y.P.L., is a student surveyor and has climbed in the Swiss Alps, Wales and Scotland. He was in charge of the topographical side.

Norman Williamson, otherwise "Doc," came as medical officer. Luckily his services were confined to repairing boots instead of human beings! Norman is a medical student at King's College, London, and is 25.

The ornithologist was Richard Bambridge, of Bristol. He is a member of the Fellowship of Youth at Lewin's Mead Meeting.

Another person who knew his job was Roger Mason, our "rock man" or geologist. Roger is at Wigston Grammar School, Leicester, 16 years old, and a son of the minister of the Great Meeting, Leicester.

Anthony Rogers, of Bury, in Lancashire is a sharp-shooter with the camera, and was photographer to the party. "Tony" is 16 and a member of Bank Street Chapel, Bury.

Last but not least is Lyn Noble, another 16-year-old. Lyn, our cartographer, attends Bradford Grammar School, Yorkshire. His home town is Pudsey and he is a member of Pudsey Unitarian Church. Well, that's the lot, a mixed crew, but one that worked well together and built up a great friendship during the five weeks. To write a full report of the expedition would take at least five or six complete issues of *The Unitarian*, so here I outline the highlights.

Doc, Ted and Richard's outing to the island of Fugloy proved to be a great success, and a full survey of bird life on the island was carried out. The first ascent of the mountain known as Rodbergtind, by Ted, Lyn, Paul and Richard added lustre to the party. The next highlight was the discovery of a glacier near a mountain called the Fosstind. The members who took part in this survey were Doc, Tony, Roger and myself.

Next came our second "first ascent." This was of the Breiskardtind, and was carried out by Keith and Ted. Another peak, the tiger of the island, the mighty Arnoyhogda, stood over 4,000 feet high, and it took three of us over 20 hours to travel from our base at Akkervik, a Norsk-Lapp settlement, to do the climb and return. Ted, Lyn and I were clinging to a rock face for seven hours, but the rewarding view at the summit was well worth the ordeal.

Another great day was when Keith, Ted and Lyn traversed the ridge of the Larsgruntind. Keith, Paul and I then made a 36-hour trip to the island of Vannoy in order to carry out a reconnaissance and take long distance photographs of Arnoy. Unfortunately the mist was down for the whole stay, and so very little could be done.

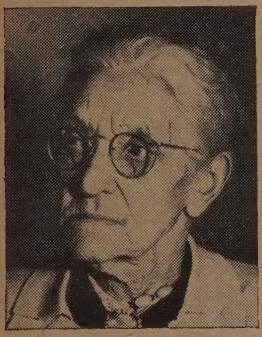
Nearing the end of our stay we were feeling a little worse for wear but the final efforts were classics. Doc, Richard, Roger and Tony made a long distance outing to the south-east corner of the island and discovered another two glaciers plus a certain amount of gabbro rock. Roger was particularly thrilled, for this was in his field. My last outing was with Lyn. We set out at 3 a.m. and made the traverse of the ridge from Hogtind to the Kirkenesstind, climbing five 3,000 mountains in the process.

That's it in a nutshell—three weeks of enjoyable climbing and scientific work. The flora of the island was varied and I encountered some plants that I had never seen before. Richard informs me that the bird life was interesting too. From a geological point of view Roger reports that it has been an overwhelming success.

The journey home was rather eventful. We arrived at Skjervo

ly to find that the ship we should ve caught had sailed the previous y. This was no fault of ours as r tickets had the wrong date . Keith got in touch with Bergen. ey told us to disembark from the ordlys, a coastal steamer, at Trondim, and take the train to Oslo. his we did, and caught another ain to Bergen in time to catch the . Leda to Newcastle.

Our arrival home is not merely the d of the expedition and a memory at will live with us for ever, but st the beginning of report-writing ch as this, lecturing, and endless urs of work.



NITARIAN STALWARTS

No. 32—Mrs. Roger Halliwell of Leigh

Mrs. Halliwell's roots are at indley, where her father and andfather were members of the apel, but her branches are at eigh, Lancashire. After her arriage they removed to Leigh and once joined the young congregaon at Twist Lane. Her husband rved for many years on the church ommittee, and new double doors in e church vestibule commemorate m. The doors were the gift of the alliwell family.

Mrs. Halliwell is always in the forefront when there is work to be done. She has two generations before her at Hindley, but three are following her at Leigh. Perhaps this is something of a record.

She is pianist for the Women's League, her son is organist of the church, her grandson is pianist for the Sunday School and also a Junior Warden. Her seven children are members of the church, she has twenty grandchildren all connected with the church, and there are eight great-grandchildren on the Sunday School register or cradle roll. A daughter teaches in Sunday School, a grandson is deputy superintendent and also a warden at services.

Though she is 84 years old she is a most active member. No function is complete if she is not present, and nothing is allowed to interfere with her attendance at church. She faces the heavy traffic of two main roads to get there and scorns a lift unless the weather is really bad.

Talking to her son one day, the minister said: "If ever I am not able to get to the service I shall have no need to worry, because you will be there at the organ, David (a grandson) will conduct the service, your sister will be in the choir stalls as usual, and there would be a congregation of some 20 to 25 Halliwells."

At 84 Mrs. Halliwell is very young and sturdy, and don't let her hear you call her an old lady. She is a shining example to all her fellow members at Twist Lane Church.

HOW SHALL I WORSHIP?

Come not to worship as a sponge, a sinner to soak up religion and leave with bloated piety. Neither come as a sieve, a sophisticate to sift religion and lose it all in analytical unconcern. Rather come as a fine string of a violin, to be tuned, made vibrant and resonant, and to leave with the music of God sounding clear through you.

From the American
"Lenten Manual"

DOWN TO EARTH

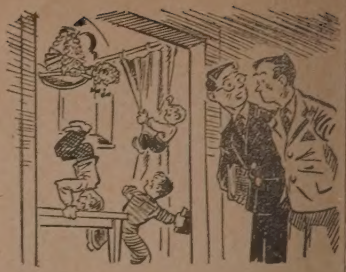
By Joyce Hazlehurst

This summer on holiday on the north-east coast, I saw two churches which impressed me.

The first was St. Mary's Parish Church at Whitby, perched on a cliff overlooking the harbour. It dates back to Norman times, and is reached by 199 stone steps. Inside are box pews facing different ways. As I sensed its quaintness and heard the seagulls mewing, I felt "out of this world." I learnt from the guide book that to-day the real parish work is done by district churches down in Whitby.

The second church was in Bridlington, near where I was staying. The doors were always open and there were no steps up from the busy street outside. A welcoming notice was on the board, and several entered for a few moments of prayer; at night it was lit up. In a side aisle was an exhibition of photographs illustrating the theme, "God and our Life": a wedding, a christening, young people at worship and at work, a hospital scene and so on. Further along the wall these words were framed: "Now go out into the highways and hedges and look for Jesus in the ragged and naked..."

Later, when I was considering the contrast between these churches, I realised that the same contrast could be found in the life of Jesus. He loved stealing away to a hillside to pray, yet he did not shrink from moving among diseased and needy people in a town. He was inspired by the Mount of Transfiguration yet he knew that he would have to come down... And we too have to come down. After a holiday, after a conference, we come down our 199 steps, leaving behind the wild romantic beauty, but finding instead the other beauty—the beauty of meeting human needs. We come down, and God comes with us, as He came with Jesus.



I've been reading a book on Psychology in the Sunday School.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Fireworks for the Mayor

It wasn't fair, said the Wood-Folk. Look what happened last year! It was dangerous, a risk of life and limb! They took a poor view of it.

So did many others, for there had been a meeting of the Grand Fireworks Display Committee, and everyone thought the display would be quietly passed over this year. But it wasn't. The Committee said it would go on as usual. It had been an annual event ever since goodness knows when and they were *not* going to give it up this year.

Most people could hardly believe their ears. The Mayor was quite beside himself, and his sorely-tried valet spent two of the most hazardous days he had ever known.

The reason was simple. Last year the Duchess had agreed that the display should be held in the Hall grounds. Due care, she said, would have to be taken. Everything went off wonderfully—bonfire, fireworks and all—until towards mid-evening when the arrangements began to get a little out of hand. The fire became too big and set alight part of Thingummy Woods, nearly roasting half of the Wood-Folk in the process. Several Flying Demons finished up, oddly enough, in Her Grace's biggest

greenhouse—nobody knew how! Fire-extinguishers and hose-pipes became a centre of confusion and a lot of people emerged from the chaos black from smoke and soot, wet from the hose-pipes, or covered with foam from the extinguishers. All were determined that it should not happen again. The Duchess had much to say on the matter. It would *not* happen, certainly not at the Hall!

And here it was again! The Committee was firm. They talked about tradition and not letting people down. It was the people's own fault, and they would know better this time. They agreed, however, that the Duchess should not be approached about the Hall, though she might be invited to attend. The only place where it could be held, they said, was the big field down by the school.

When the Mayor heard this he raised a cry of despair which almost shattered the nerves of Sammy the Soldier, on guard duty outside the Town Hall. Had not the big field been the scene of the disastrous Summer Fair?

NEWS AND VIEWS

OVERSEAS

AUSTRALIA. SYDNEY congregation is considering the installation of a heating system. Weekly discussion groups are being held in the homes of the various church members. ADELAIDE celebrated the centenary of the church building in Wakefield Street by special services in July. One of the preachers was the Rev. G. E. Hale, B.A., minister from 1920 to 1945. At the morning service prayers were taken from the service book in use 100 years ago and a hymn printed in the old prayer book was sung to the traditional tune. Mr. Frank Angel, a member of the choir for 70 years, since he was 11, sang a solo from Mozart, "Within These Walls Time-Hallowed." At evening service the concluding hymn was the Rev. G. E. Hale's "The Faith That Is To Be," one which has twice been printed in this magazine.

SOUTH AFRICA. CAPE TOWN congregation makes frequent use of the tape-recorder and has invited British Unitarian congregations to record tapes of items of worship spoken or sung by members of different ages and institutions, and then send them to Cape Town as a means of forging links with home churches.

AT HOME

ALLOSTOCK Anniversary was held on September 1st with special items by the children. The pulpit has been repaired and re-varnished, and other ways of creating a more worshipful atmosphere in a building normally used as a day school are being considered.

CHELTENHAM. The Summer Evening Fair included good stalls, competitions arranged by the Youth League, a film show, and the profit was about £25.

CIRENCESTER schoolroom has been re-decorated, thanks to the effort of a member of the Forces on leave.

CREWKERNE Sunday School held its 161st Anniversary in July. A choir of 19 children sang and the attendances were larger than last year, with 140 present in the afternoon. Six children read lessons at the

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Have you ordered your cards for your Sale of Work? Six assorted cards in packet, selling at 1/-, for 8d. to stall organisers. Send stamps for sample.

The "Essex Hall" Christmas Card is now selling at 2/- per dozen. William Blake's "Nativity," a superior card at 1/-, or 9s. per dozen. Samples from the Editor, Dunham Road Parsonage, Altrincham, Ches.

different services, and the theme of the day was "The Generosity of God." A happy outing to Weymouth took place on August 1st.

DITCHLING. On August 25th a contingent of Nyasaland Scouts led by Mr. Lisle Kellam, a Ditchling member, attended morning service conducted by Dr. Jeremy Goring, who had himself been a member of the Sussex contingent which attended the 1947 Jamboree in France. A number of different faiths were represented at this special service. A series of Wednesday evening lectures by competent authorities is being arranged for the autumn.

DUDLEY. The main business at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in September was a discussion on "Improving the Church." On two Sunday evenings the sermons have been based on booklets and leaflets published by the Lindsey Press.

HINCKLEY. A special service for renewal of marriage vows has been planned for September 29th to be conducted by Mr. Robin Williamson of M.C.O.

IPSWICH. The organ has been repaired and electric blowing installed.

LEEDS. The "International Fair" committee is planning a series of Saturday afternoon "shoppers' teas" for the autumn.

LEIGH Sunday School led the united procession on the Annual Walking Day this summer in which eleven churches and schools took part. A Garden Party was held at Lea Hurst, Glazebury, in July, with various attractions.

MANCHESTER. BLACKLEY U.Y.P.L. completed the re-decoration of their Sunday School in July and have been helping in the re-decoration of MIDDLETON premises. Middleton Anniversary was an inspiring occasion with the Rev. Joyce Hazlehurst as preacher, and the visit of the Manchester District Association for their summer ramble and service in July was a heartening occasion. An advance campaign begins in the autumn. PENDLETON had a wet day for their Visiting Sunday at GLOSSOP, but the warm welcome of the minister and members made up for the wet. Gramophone music and G.A. tape-recordings, followed by an extra cup of tea in the afternoon filled the time until departure, and the hardier spirits went for a curtailed ramble. The combined visit of ALTRINCHAM and WYTHENSHAWE congregations to TODMORTON on September 1st was one of the happiest on record. A fine windy day enhanced a moorland ramble made especially interesting by the information of Todmorton guides. The church service was uplifting, and after lunch the beauties of the church were explained and displayed, and the more energetic visited the belfry and the church roof; 69 visitors made up the morning party, 79 were present for the tea at Altrincham, and about 120 made up the congregation at evening service at which the Rev. A. W. Vallence made his farewell to the Wythenshawe members as their minister-in-charge. On Friday, September 6, the Rev. John Gill was inducted at WYTHENSHAWE, and messages of welcome to him and his family followed in an after-meeting. The revised plans for the new church were on the walls for inspection.

PEACE FELLOWSHIP. To provide funds for the Fellowship which drained its resources in raising over

RELIGIOUS BROADCASTS

"CHRISTIAN OUTLOOK"

is a new weekly programme for all denominations on "Network Three," 464 and 194 m. It will include church news, interviews with people in the news, book reviews, music reviews by Kenneth Savidge, and hints for organists, and a monthly review of films and plays, with advice for church drama groups, etc. Wednesdays, 6.45 to 7.15 p.m.

£250 for the Save-the-Children Fund in the spring, a Bring-and-Buy tea was held at ALTRINCHAM schoolroom on August 31st. Six congregations were represented, and the proceeds were £7 7s. 0d.

PLYMOUTH. Good weather attended the stone-laying ceremony on the site of the new church in Notte Street. Hymn-singing was accompanied by the Tor Point Silver Band, and a short service was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Kersley. Representatives from Tavistock and Torquay were present, and messages of greeting were received.

POTTED WISDOM

Men should be judged not by their tint of skin,
The gods they serve, the vintage that they drink,
Nor by the way they fight, of love, or sin,
But by the quality of thought they think.

Anon.

Some of your hurts you have cured,
And the sharpest you still have survived;
But what torments of grief you endured
From evils which never arrived!

R. W. Emerson

"If the Almighty God were determined to put all possible of the divine life into the life of a single man, He could put in no more than the man could hold. That is, he could not possibly be anything more than a perfect man."

Minot J. Savage

"Unless a child learns that religion sometimes means scrubbing and scouring and cleaning up messy situations, he has failed to perceive one of its most significant aspects."

George Stewart

UNITARIAN PRINCIPLES

We believe that God is Love; that His Love is revealed supremely in Jesus and in many saintly and heroic lives; that His Spirit guides those who seek Him into the way of truth and rightousness; that the Church is the fellowship of those who desire God's inspiration for their daily lives; and that the true bond of unity between the members of a church is never a form of words, or imposed creed, but a unity of spirit that seeks the truth in love.

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FURTHER ISSUES

Illustrated articles to come include one on Hackney Unitarian (New Gravel Pit), which has held its building centenary, and Leigh Unitarian Church, which has held its Diamond Jubilee.

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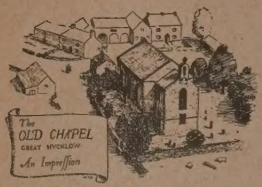

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise we the Lord for making the earth,
Praise we the Lord for giving us birth,
Praise Him for making the moon and the stars,
Praise Him for all in this world of ours.

Praise we the Lord for the plants and the trees,
Praise we the Lord for the winds and the breeze ;
Praise Him for making the bright coloured flowers,
Praise Him for all in this world of ours.

Heather Lister
(of Stand, aged 10)

UNITARIANS IN THE NEWS

The Rev. Griffith J. Sparham has been visiting England on leave from Hibbert Houses.

Mrs. C. Andrews, of Flowery Field, was 90 on August 7th.

John Holt, of Stockport, won the 440 yards for English Schools, and went on to win the Junior A.A.A. 440 yards, becoming a Junior British champion.

The Rev. E. H. Morris, M.A., B.D., from Auckland, has begun his ministry at Coventry.

Mr. Derek Smith, of the Unitarian College, Manchester, has been welcomed as Lay Pastor of Mossley.

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